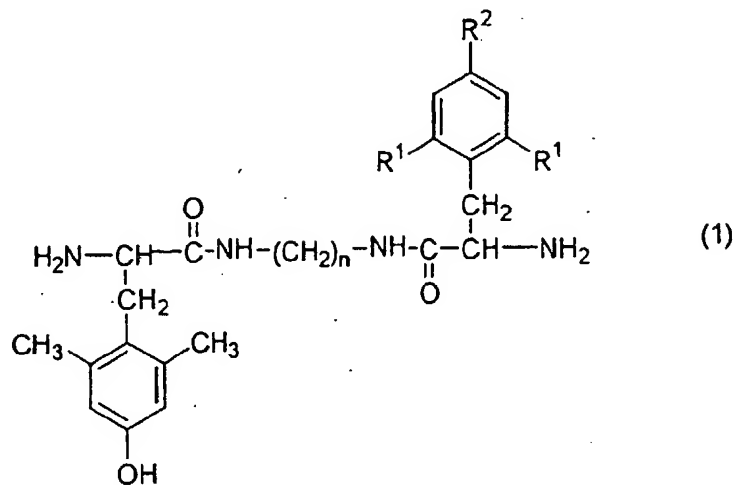


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A peptide derivative represented by the following formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^1 is hydrogen atom or methyl group, R^2 is hydrogen atom or hydroxy group and n is an integer of 1 to 8, provided that R^1 is hydrogen atom when R^2 is hydrogen atom.

2. (Cancelled)

~~3.~~ (Original) The peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1, wherein R^1 is methyl group.

~~4.~~ (Currently Amended) The peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein n is an integer of 4 to 6.

4. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or ~~3~~² as an active ingredient.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting or moderating pain comprising administering a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or a salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or ~~3~~² in an effective dosage to a patient having pain.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting or moderating the pain comprising administering a peptide derivative represented by the formula (1) or one salt thereof claimed in claim 1 or ~~3~~² in an effective dosage to a patient having pain or suffering from nervous defect disease related to μ -opioid receptor activation: